

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CHILD LABOUR SCHEME
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have conducted any survey to ascertain the number of child labour in the country;
- (b) if so, the number thereof as on January 31, 2001, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have formulated or propose to formulate any scheme for their economic development and imparting education to them;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time-bound action plan formulated and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to abolish child labour in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNILALL)

- (a) & (b): Authentic information on child labour is generated during the decennial census. As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the country is 11.28 million.
- (c) & (d): Government of India has been implementing two schemes, for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work, namely the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) and the scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. The major activity under NCLP is running special schools/centers for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work through non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, health care, stipend etc. Besides efforts are made for convergence with ongoing education and welfare schemes being implemented at the district level.
- (e): Child Labour is a socio-economic problem which needs sustained efforts over a long period of time. Considering the nature and complexity of the problem, a gradual, progressive and sequential approach has been adopted for withdrawal of children from work and their rehabilitation.